

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment after Final are respectfully requested. The proposed amendment places the claims in form for allowance. In view of the amendments and following remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Alvarado, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,530,950). Claims 37-41 were objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but found allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 42 has been added herein.

Claims 34-36 have been rewritten and claim 42 added herein to place allowable claims 37-41 in form to issue. Independent claims 34, 35, and 36 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claims 37, 39, and 40, respectively. New claim 42 incorporates the limitations of independent claim 36 and allowable claim 41. Claim 38 has been amended to depend from amended independent claim 34. Claims 37 and 39-41 have been cancelled.

Allowance of claims 34-36, 38, and 42 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2525. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-5021.

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